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THECAIRO THAT WAS

Dips into Old Cairo Life. THE PLACE, THE PEOPLE, OC-CURRENCES AND PASTIMES.

BY MOSE HARRELL.

NUMBER IL. The old levec enclosed four or five hundred acres of ground. Of this probably thirty acres was cleared of timber, with the exception of now and then a tree for purposes of shade. All the substantial buildings ever erected in Cairo stood upon this thirty acres. At the point was the old Cairo Hotel. Part of this building was erected by Mr. Bird nearly forty years ago. The additions to it were among the first improvements made by what is now familiarly known as the "Old Cairo Company." The next building was a large frame known as the McKenzie block. This stood near where the St. Charles now stands, and contained all the important business establishments found on the "bank." Two one story frames stood near the site of the present International Hotel; and a group of four cottages were situated near Winter's block, the late residence of Mr. Gordon being one of them, and the only unaltered building of old Cairo now in existence. Two hundred yards farther up the river was a locality then denominated "Pig Tail Alley." At this point there were four more cottages after this point there were four more cottages after the point the the pattern of Mr. Gordon's. In front of these, abutting the Ohio Levee, stood a very large two story planing mill, pattern and carpenter shop. Immediately above this, and fronting the levee, also, were the ruins of two old saw mills. The balance of the town was made up of what was then known as upper Cairo, which consisted of a large brick and frame machine shop and foundry, the "Bellows' House," and six rather shaky frame tenements strewn for a space of a hundred yards on either side of the

This list of buildings formed the sum total of Cairo at that day, with the exception of here and there a shauty, numbering in the aggregate not over a half dozen.

About one third of the buldings enumerated were vacant. Through the foundry, machine shop, planing mill and carpenter shop,-(once musical from the noise of machinery and the hum of productive industry)-cattle and hogs wallowed or bellowed in undisturbed freedom. No human sought to share or dispute this bovinal and swinish possession.

The few occupied buildings situated off the levee, were reached, in summer time, through rank and overhanging gypsom, and in the winter time through mud or the intervention of skiffs or gunwales. In these remote tenements the poor were domiciled; and until I had made a round among them I had not seen what I took for real, grievous, biting poverty. In company with a friend, the lamented and never-to-be forgotten Tom Wood, I visited the poorest occupied hovel in the place. An old woman, with a cracked, metalic voice, herself piled up in a bunk of straw, and dreadfully afflicted with the sore eyes, bid us enter. If STEAM BAKERY. there was anything in that hovel except that miserable old woman, the bunk and the straw, and one dirty skillet, it escaped my observation, which was thorough and searching. Of course my compassion and sympathy was strongly excited. I had not seen much of the world and wondered how such things could be, how such manifest suffering could go unrelieved among a people claiming even ordinary civilization. My collapsed purse flew open 168 and half its contents into the hands of the wretched woman. She took the offering, looked confused an instant and then | CAIRO, blarted out: " Wa'll, as we's gwine to hev a dance to-night I spose I'd better keep it !" Sure enough she had a dance, and Tom being there with plenty of "terbacker" the old lady lionized him. After that bit of experience I had no money for the resident poor of Cairo.

The truth is there were very few families in Cairo in actual want. Even this old woman had a boy peddling apples, melons, tobacco and cigars among the deck passengers of stopping steamboats, and secured through him a living. It was a rough and beastly living, yet such as she seemed to relish and probably as respectable as she had ever been used to.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2 .-- The Coroner's jury in the case of the collision on the Long Island Railroad have rendered their verdict in substance as follows: That the collision was produced by the carelessness of R. J. Race, Conductor of the mail train, and Jas. White, engineer of the Express train, that Louis C. Sands and Daniel F. Chase are not considered responsible, and censuring Oliver Charlicks, President of the road, for the carelessness and the irregular manner in which trains were run, and considered him indirectly responsible for the catastrophe. Two of the jurors find Daniel F. Chase, engineer of the mail train, also guilty of carelessness. Another juror finds Louis C. Sands, conductor of th Express train, also guilty of carelessness. Three other jurors find R. J. Race, conductor, and Daniel F. Chase, engineer of the mail train, guilty of carelessness and inattention to their duties, and recommend that more definite rules be applied for running irregular trains. Sheriff Scheneker, who was one of the jury, declined voting on the question of the general missmanagement of the running of trains, and the recommendation of passengers on the ground that it is an improper question for the jury to determine; the only proper question being was the road managed that day, and if so by whom. G. C. M'Gee, another juror, concurred in this opinion.

The Post's Washington special says: The President has restored to his command Col. Preston, of the 58th U. S. colored troops, heretofore dismissed.

A large number of post offices and mail routes have just been opened in South Carolina. A large number of Quartermasters and other government employees have just been

discharged. Horace Greeley arrived in Washington to-

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NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—General Andrew J. Smith, commanding the 16th army corps, issued on the 8th ult., at Montgomery, Ala., an order announcing the dissolution of the organ-

For the Cairo Sunday Times. ON REVISITING THE SCENES OF EARLY CHILDHOOD."

They tell me o'er I stand once more Where I in childhood played; But there is cast around the past

No scenes like these portrayed. I could not dream that time's dark stream Could e'er such changes bring-O'er all that's bright, in childhood's light, It should its waters fling.

I seek in vain to meet again The friends of other days; But each dear one, alas! is gone, And wrangers meet my gaze.

I feel too well the dark, dark spell That has been round me thrown, And now I wake, that spell to break,

But find the loved ones flown. I would not stay, no, far away,

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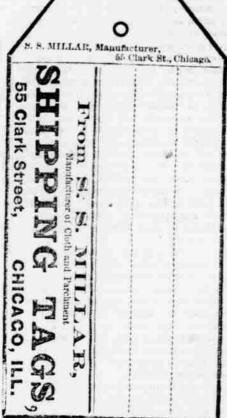
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